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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111;
2. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings with 8 sheets of Drawings, Figures 1-8; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

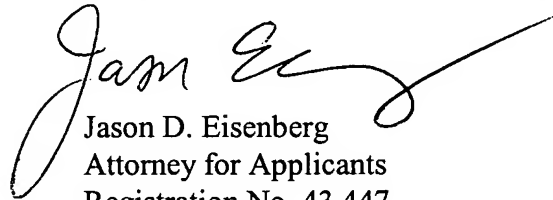
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